RELIANCE MEDICAL

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LATEST STANDARD
BS8599-1:2019+A1:2026
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The new **BS8599-1:2019+A1:2026** standard is designed to make your workplace safer.



What does the law say?

The Health and Safety (First Aid) regulations 1981 states:

> *An employer shall provide or ensure that there are provided such equipment and facilities as are adequate and appropriate in the circumstances for enabling first aid to be rendered to his employees if they are injured or become ill at work.*



1. Guidance for employers on first aid kits in a workplace environment.

The quantities and sizes of first aid kits to be used in a workplace environment should be determined by the number of people on site and the category of hazard they are exposed to. The following table categorises workplaces by level of risk, and then recommends an appropriate size of kit, depending on the number of employees and members of the public exposed to those risks.

1. **DO A RISK ASSESSMENT.**

   LOW RISK: (e.g. shops, offices, libraries etc.)
   HIGH RISK: (e.g. light engineering and assembly work, food processing, warehousing, etc.)

2. **DECIDE ON THE SIZE AND QUANTITY OF KITS REQUIRED TO MEET YOUR RISK NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**

SMALL KIT USAGE GUIDELINES	LOW RISK: HIGH RISK:	1 kit for less than 25 employees 1 kit for less than 5 employees
MEDIUM KIT USAGE GUIDELINES	LOW RISK: HIGH RISK:	1 kit per 25-100 employees 1 kit per 5-25 employees
LARGE KIT USAGE GUIDELINES	LOW RISK: HIGH RISK:	1 kit per 100 employees 1 kit per 25 employees
TRAVEL AND MOTORING *	1 Medium Kit	

* *Staff working remotely from a company vehicle should be equipped with a travel and motoring first aid kit. This does not supersede BS8599-2 for vehicle first aid kits, employers should refer to BS8599-2 when equipping vehicles with first aid kits.*



Eyewash and burns kits are now included in the new standard

Following a risk assessment, employers should provide eye wash first aid kits wherever a risk to eyes has been identified and workplace first aid kits in accordance with this standard are present. Employers should also supply burn first aid kits where a high risk of burn injuries is identified.

2. Guidance for employers on provision of supplementary first aid kits.

The following table provides recommendations for employers on quantities of supplementary first aid kits for the workplace as an extra resource British Standard Compliant Small, Medium, Large and Travel & Motoring First Aid Kits.

Type of Kit or Pack	Quantity and size of first aid kit
PERSONAL ISSUE FIRST AID KIT ** *e.g. security personnel, cleaners, maintenance, etc.*	1 kit should be issued to individual first aiders and other employees where appropriate to their role.
CRITICAL INJURY PACK *** *e.g. work with dangerous machinery or sharp instruments, cutting equipment, power tools, construction, agriculture, forestry, etc.*	Appropriate numbers of this pack should be stored, in line with the risks assessed. Employers should take into consideration the maximum number of people on site at any one time.
BURNS KIT *e.g. security personnel, cleaners, maintenance, etc.*	1 kit should be issued to individual first aiders and other employees where appropriate to their role.
EYEWASH KIT *e.g. security personnel, cleaners, maintenance, etc.*	1 kit should be issued to individual first aiders and other employees where appropriate to their role.

** *Employers might consider equipping first aiders in their workplace with a personal issue first aid kit.*
*** *In addition, following a risk assessment, an employer might consider storing appropriate quantities of critical injury packs to be equipped to deal with injuries to employees or the public resulting from acts of terrorism or other mass casualty incidents.*

What is included in the Reliance Medical BS8599-1:2019+A1:2026 Compliant First Aid Kits?

	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	TRAVEL & MOTORING[1]	PERSONAL ISSUE[1]	CRITICAL INJURY	BURNS	EYE WASH
Guidance Leaflet	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Contents List	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Medium Sterile Dressings	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0
Large Sterile Dressings	2	3	4	0	1	0	0	0
Triangular Bandages	2	3	4	1	1	0	0	0
Sterile Eye Pad Dressings	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	2
Sterile Adhesive Dressings	40	60	100	10	10	0	0	0
Alcohol-free moist cleansing wipes	20	30	40	10	4	0	0	0
Adhesive tape roll	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nitrile disposable gloves (pairs)	6	9	12	2	2	2	1	0
Finger sterile dressing	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Resuscitation face shield[B]	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
Foil blanket	1	2	3	1	1	1	0	0
Burn Dressing, Medium[C]	1	2	2	2	0	0	2	0
Burn Dressing, Large[C]	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Shears	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Conforming Bandage	1	2	2	0	0	0	4	0
Adherent Dresssing	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Trauma Dresssing - Large	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Trauma Dresssing - Medium	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Haemostatic Dressing	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Tourniquet	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Face Burn Dressing	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Burn Gel	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bottle of Eye Wash Solution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Eye Wash Solution Pods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

1 *The quantities in the travel and motoring first aid kit and personal issue first aid kit are appropriate for one person only.*

2 *The shield is used to protect a first-aider from infection from a casualty during mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.*

3 *A Burn Dressing cools the burn injury without any prior treatment with water or any other medium. The dressing does not dry out within one hour of application.*

4 *A haemostatic dressing is more effective than packing with plain gauze and pressure.*

Did you know?

AEDs are now a requirement for your workplace. According to the new standard an AED should be easy to access and deploy within 2 minutes – larger workplaces require more AEDs to ensure the safety of employees, visitors such customers and members of the public.



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